

### Abstract

A novel modular metal fence or gate panel assembly constructed from vertically spaced apart rails and a horizontal row of vertically disposed pickets is disclosed. At least the upper rail is locked to the pickets which extend therethrough by means of an elongate locking bar which is slidingly disposed within the rail. The bar is moveable from a first position wherein apertures provided in the bar are in full open alignment with picket receiving apertures located in the rail, to a second position in which inwardly projecting flanges in each of the bar apertures are respectively received in rail connecting recesses located in the sidewalls of the pickets.